

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** as a major peach producing state and the largest orchard direct source of peaches in the United States, South Carolina is a significant contributor to our nation's agricultural industry; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2002, South Carolina growers picked 130 million pounds of peaches with an economic impact of \$42.7 million; and

**WHEREAS,** peach orchards throughout South Carolina support many rural communities, employing local workforces and reaping the benefits of our state's peaches being distributed to chain stores across the country or processed into canned fruit and baby food; and

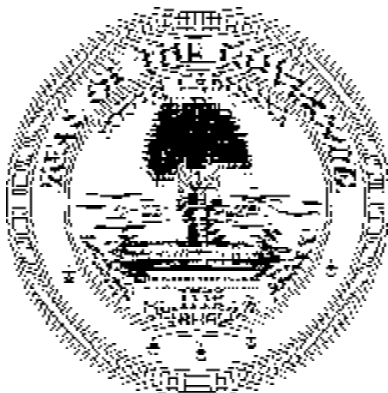
**WHEREAS,** South Carolina peaches are distinguished by their delicious flavor and exceptional beauty, with peaches from the Palmetto State commercially known as "The Tastier Peach";

**WHEREAS,** the 2003 observance of Peach Week calls attention to this delicious and nutritious fruit, while recognizing the positive impact that the peach industry has on our economic prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 23 – 29, 2003, as

### PEACH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support our peach growers and to recognize the peach industry for its many contributions to our economy.



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**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**